

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application claims priority to and incorporates by reference in its entirety, United States ~~Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/325,776~~ 09/797,830, entitled “SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING GENE EXPRESSION DATA” filed on March 5, 2001, ~~in which application a Petition to Convert Nonprovisional Application to Provisional Application has been filed~~ and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/862,424, filed May 23, 2001, which claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/206,571, filed May 23, 2000.